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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY ANNOUNCES ELECTRICIANS TRAINING CENTER RELOCATING HEADQUARTERS TO MARYLAND

State bond issuance to help non-profit bring 20 new jobs to Eastern Shore

BALTIMORE, MD (April 8, 2009) – Governor Martin O'Malley announced today that Maryland has approved the issuance of a \$6.8 million private activity bond to assist the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (NJATC), a non-profit organization that develops instructional training programs for electricians, in the relocation of its headquarters to Queen Anne's County from Tennessee. The bond, issued through the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority, is being used by the organization to finance the purchase and build out of their new facility at 351 Log Canoe Circle in Stevensville, allowing them to consolidate current operations in Tennessee and Upper Marlboro, Md. The NJATC is expected to create at least 20 new jobs in Queen Anne's County, adding to their existing 20 jobs.

"We are pleased that the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee has chosen Maryland as the new home for its headquarters, joining a growing list of companies that have relocated or set up new operations in Maryland already this year," said Governor O'Malley. "We look forward to working with NJATC to ensure they grow and expand in Maryland, helping to educate thousands of electricians each year and providing excellent job opportunities for the Eastern Shore."

"I really appreciate the time and attention the Department of Business and Economic Development has dedicated to ensuring NJATC locate in Maryland," stated County Commission President Gene Ransom. "Equally important is the excellent job the Queen Anne's County Department of Economic Development, Agriculture and Tourism has done to facilitate the NJATC move to Queen Anne's County. All of the Commissioners are extremely pleased with the efforts Director Faith Elliott Rossing and her staff is focusing on new opportunities for our County."

"NJATC is a welcome addition to the Chesapeake Bay Business Park. The additional new jobs to the County and the potential impact to other local businesses as a result of NJATC's instructional training function is definitely a benefit," said Faith Elliott Rossing, Director of Economic Development, Agriculture and Tourism for Queen Anne's County.

The NJATC was created more than 58 years ago and has developed into what perhaps is the largest apprenticeship and training program of its kind. The mission of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee is to develop and standardize training to educate the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association, insuring and providing the Electrical Construction Industry with the most highly trained and highly skilled workforce possible. Local programs affiliated with the NJATC have trained over 325,000 apprentices to journeyman status without cost to taxpayers. Training curricula has been developed for electricians, wiremen, Voice-Data-Video installers and other workers in the electrical construction and allied industries.

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